Meridian Presbyterian Church

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August 16th, 2026
"Out of the Depths"
Rev. Dr. Stephen Franklin

12th Sunday after Pentecost

10:00 AM **August 16th, 2026**

[1] May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face shine on us—[2] so that your ways may be known on earth, your salvation among all nations.

PRELUDE **Debbe Picerno**

CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 100)
L: Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth.
P: Worship the Lord with gladness;
L: Come before him with joyful songs. Know that the Lord is God.
P: It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, the sheep of his pasture.
L: Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name.
P: For the Lord is good and his love endures forever; his faithfulness continues through all generations.

***OPENING PRAYER**

***HYMNS** **"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" No. 210**
"I Need Thee Every Hour" No. 638

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**
God of all goodness, We do not want to face all that is in our own hearts. We want to focus on the good; on the love, the compassion, the care while we ignore the bad; the greed, the envy, the cruelty. But before you, God, we must face it. Forgive all the ways we have let evil take hold in our hearts. Cleanse us. Help us face our own demons, and empower us to live a Christlike life. (Silent Confession)

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**
L: Believe the good news of the Gospel.
P: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

***CONFESSION RESPONSE:** **"Create in Me a Clean Heart"**

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY

***OFFERING RESPONSE: "Behold the Lamb"**

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHILDREN'S SERMON

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON Ephesians 1:4-10

ANTHEM "Let It Be a Hallelujah" Duet: Timmi Longdon & Lori McCann

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON Psalm 130

SERMON "Out of the Depths" Rev. Dr. Stephen Franklin

***CONFESSION OF FAITH**

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

***HYMN "Christ the Sure and Steady Anchor"**

POSTLUDE Debbe Picerno

***Those who are able please stand.**

Welcome Desk: Cindy Musko **Greeters: Pam Greb**
Liturgist: Peg Morrison **Fellowship Hour: Lori McCann**

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Sunday:	**10 AM**	**Worship**
	5-8 PM	**Youth Group at Penn Valley**
Tuesday:	**12-5 PM**	**Blood Drive @ Meridian Firehall**
	1 PM	**Quilting**
Wednesday:	**9 AM**	**Coffee & Conversation**
Thursday:	**6 PM**	**Women's Grateful Hearts Game Night**

MEALS ON WHEELS- Please place your dessert in the frige/freezer in the Library today.

PRAY FOR OUR KIDS-As we approach a new school year, let's keep our kids and their families in our prayers. Partner with us and take a magnet (or 2) with a student's name and grade on it and commit to praying for them throughout the year ahead. There are over 90 kids that our church reaches, and we want to cover them all in prayer. If you would like more information about your student, please reach out to Laura or Mike.

GRATEFUL HEARTS- Join us for an evening of fellowship at our Women's Dessert & Game Night on Thurs, August 20th at 6 PM in McCaslin Hall. Please bring a small dessert to share. Signup today!

CHURCH PICNIC- Join us on Sunday, August 23rd at 12 PM at the Slear's property.

5TH SUNDAY BRUNCH & KINGDOM CONNECTIONS- Sun, Aug 30th at 11 AM come join us for a brunch and feel free to walk around Parker Hall and discover where God is at work in our church, our community, and our world. Meet our mission partners, connect with ministry leaders, and explore how the Holy Spirit may be inviting you to join His work.

FISHBONE DINNER- Our next Fishbone dinner will be Sunday, August 30th and we are planning an end of summer picnic for 40 adults and children who attend this ministry program. There is a signup sheet in the fellowship room for volunteers.

SMOKEHOUSE GATHERING- The Deacons are planning a rib and pulled pork cook off along with a cornhole tournament and time of fellowship on Saturday, September 12th from 4-7 PM. Signups coming soon!

ALL CHURCH RETREAT-Sept 25th-27th at Camp Crestfield in Slippery Rock for all ages. You can come for the weekend or just Saturday You can pay for a single room or share! Each room has its own bathroom. Registration fee covers the room and food for the weekend. The retreat includes activities for children, worship/Bible study, bonfires, great food, and time to relax and get to know one another. Registrations forms are in the fellowship area. See Pastor Mike or Katie Schultz for more information.